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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE FROM WHITNEY MUSEUM
FOR CAO

1. WHITNEY MUSEUM DIRECTOR TOM ARMSTRONG HAS REQUESTED ASSISTANCE OF DEPARTMENT AND EMB PARIS IN RESOLVING PROBLEM CONCERNING WORKS OF ART PRESENTLY IN FRANCE.

2. WORKS BY (AND OWNED BY) US SCULPTOR MARK DI SUVERO HAVE BEEN EXHIBITED AT "CRACAP" MUSEUM IN CHALON-SUR-SOANE, AND ARE NOW SCHEDULED TO BE SHOWN IN NEW YORK. WHITNEY MUSEUM HAS REQUESTED FIRM OF WINGATE AND JOHNSON IN PARIS TO SHIP WORKS, BUT HAS BEEN INFORMED BY M. DE KERANGO OF WINGATE AND JOHNSON THAT M. EVRARD, DIRECTOR OF MUSEUM IN CHALON-SUR-SOANE, HAS DECLINED TO RELEASE THE WORKS BECAUSE HE WANTS THEM EXHIBITED ELSEWHERE IN FRANCE. ARMSTRONG SAYS DI SUVERO WANTS THEM RETURNED TO NEW YORK.

3. US ART CRITIC BARBARA ROSE IS KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT MATTER AND WILL BE IN PARIS JANUARY 22-26 STAYING AT L'HOTEL, 13 RUE DE BEAUX ARTS. ANY ASSISTANCE POST CAN GIVE IN THIS MATTER WILL BE APPRECIATED. PLEASE ADDRESS REPLY TO DEPARTMENT FOR CU/ARTS. KISSINGER

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